IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

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6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A rock breaking cartridge ~~which includes~~ comprising: a tubular body, an enclosure which is defined inside the tubular body ~~by means of first and second caps which are positioned in a bore of the tubular body~~, a propellant inside the enclosure, a stemming device which is positioned inside the tubular body and which, upon activation, expands a portion of the tubular body in a radial sense, the stemming device being spaced from the enclosure, and a filler inside the tubular body between the enclosure and the stemming device.

9. (Original) A rock breaking cartridge according to claim 8 wherein the stemming device includes components with relatively inclined surfaces which are relatively movable thereby to cause a portion of the tubular body in which the stemming device is located to expand radially.

10. (Original) A rock breaking cartridge according to claim 9 wherein the tubular body is weakened to facilitate expansion thereof by the stemming device.

11. (Original) A rock breaking cartridge according to claim 10 wherein the tubular body is split at least in a longitudinal sense thereby to define at least one portion of the tubular body which is readily expansible in a radial sense upon activation of the stemming device.

12. (Canceled)

13. (New) A rock breaking cartridge according to claim 9, further comprising two-wedge-shaped components forming a substantially cylindrical body which are positioned inside the tubular body with a relatively close fit with a large face of one component facing the filler.

14. (New) A rock breaking cartridge according to claim 9, wherein the stemming device comprises at least a first component which defines a wedge-shaped cavity, a wedge shaped barrel in the cavity and a thread mechanism which draws the barrel into the cavity to radially expand the at least first component.

15. (New) A rock breaking cartridge according to claim 13, wherein one component includes a groove in an outer surface to accommodate a lead wire extending to an igniter in the propellant.